

his cattle, all of which is comprised in a certain patent granted to him, the grantor, by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace, of date the 1st of September 1670; together with a certain piece of woodland lying to the south of said farm and the *Walleviszen Eylandt* (Whale-island) comprehended in a patent granted to him, the grantor, by the late Governor General Sir Edmond Andross, knight, of date the 22d of March 1678, excepting what was conveyed to Pieter van Wuggelum under date the 19th of December 1681, lying to the south of Piskawen kill, which kill is likewise conveyed to said Wendell, being the division between him and Pr. van Wuggelum; all which the grantor conveys to said Johannes Wendel with all his right and title which he has therein by virtue of said two patents, to which reference is herein made, all free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he is fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Johannes Wendel, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid farm and the appurtenances thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising [180] to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 26th of May in the year of Our Lord and Savior 1683.

ROBERT SANDERZ

Cornelis van Dyck
Dirck Wesselsz

In my presence,

ROBERT LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Deed from Jan Jansen Bleecker and Jacob Sandersen Glen, attorneys of Jan Hendricksen van Bael, to Harmen Rutgers and Johannes Provoost, administrators of the estate of Hendrick Willemsen, and to Jan Albertsen Bratt for all his land on the Normans kill except four morgens of arable land

[181] Appeared before me, Rob^t. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Cornelis van Dyk and Mr Dirk Wessells, magis-

trates of the said jurisdiction, the worthy Mr Jan Janse Bleeker and Jacob Sanderse Glenn, in capacity of attorneys of Mr Jan Hendrix van Bael Sr., according to power of attorney dated the 22d of July 1675,¹ who declared that they granted, conveyed and made over to and for the behoof of Harme Ruttgers and Johannes Provoost, administrators of the estate of Hendrik Willemse, and to Jan Albertse Bratt, all the lands lying on the Noorman's kill called by the Indians Tawalsouthaa,² excepting four morgens of good arable land which the seller Jan van Bael reserves to himself, either at one end or the other as by lot shall be determined, but with the understanding that if he does not convey the same to anyone, they, the buyers, shall have the right to fence, plant and cultivate the same also, and if the seller should wish to sell the same that they shall have the preference and refusal thereof, according to the contract of sale thereof made and executed on the 21st of December 1674³ between Jan Hendrix van Bael of the one part and Hendrik Willemse and Jan Albertse Bratt of the other part; which they, the attorneys, do by virtue of the patent granted to Jan Hendrix van Bael by the late Governor General Francis Lovelace under date of the 21st of August 1672,⁴ and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantors in the capacity aforesaid making any further claim in the least thereto, acknowledging that they are fully paid and satisfied therefor, the first penny with the last, giving therefore *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid administrators of the estate of Hend: Willemse, deceased, and to Jan Albertse Bratt, their heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land lying upon the

¹ Apparently not recorded.

² The same as Tawasentha. With the exception of the final double vowel the spelling of the name in the deed corresponds with that in the patent of August 21, 1672, cited below. Rutenber mentions the form *Tawalsontha*.

³ No record of this contract is found.

⁴ The description in this patent reads as follows: "Whereas by the Consent of the Commissaries at Albany Jan Hendricks van Baal hath made purchase of the Indian Proprietors of the Maques of a certain parcell of Land near Schanectade lyeing and being by the Kill or Creek called by the Indian name Tawalsoutha otherwise the Normans Kill, the said Land stretching from the Sandy Hills North-West on, to an Out Hooke of Land, the which it also Includes Containeing in breadth and length on both sides of the Kill all the Land as it lyes in a square together with the Wood Land, Valley, or Meadow Ground, Kills, and Creeks therein Included, the said Indian proprietors Names who made sale of the said Land, and sett their marks for the Conveyance thereof being Canachko, Schaenwino, Canhowadadin, and Sagodermechta, who acknowledge to have Received satisfaction for the same Now for a Confirmation unto him the said Jan Hendricks van Baal . . ."

Noorman's kill as they might do with their own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims, demands and incumbrances and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, binding themselves thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 29th of May An^o. Christi 1683.

Cornelis van Dyck
Dirck Wesselsz

JAN JANSZ BLEECKER
JACOB SAN: GLEN

In my presence,
RO^t. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Deed from Jan Albertsen Bratt to Jacob Caspersen for his half interest in the land on the Normans kill

[182] Appeared before me Rob^t. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessels and Mr Jan Janse Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jan Albertse Bratt, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Jacob Casparse his interest in the land on the Noorman's kill, being the half of all the land lying on the Noorman's kill *alias* called *Tawassoutha*,¹ excepting four morgens of good arable land which Jan van Bael reserved from the whole for himself at one end or the other as by lot should be determined, with the understanding that if said Van Bael did not make over the same to anyone, the buyers might fence, plant and cultivate the same and if Van Bael, the first seller, desired to sell the same the preference and refusal thereof should be given to the buyers according to contract of sale thereof made between J: v: Bael and Hen: Willemse and Jan Alb: Bratt, dated the 21st of December 1674;² which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Mr Jan Janse Bleeker and Jacob Sanderse Glen, attorneys of Jan Hendrix van Bael, of date the 29th of May 1683, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without

¹ Jacob Caspersen was probably a brother of Isaac Caspersen and a son of Casper Jacobsen Halenbeck. See *Proceedings of Justices of the Peace*, 1680-85, p. 631, and *Early Records of Albany*, 1:16, 31. The name is variously spelled Halenbeck, Halenbeck, Hallenbeck and Hollenbeck. The early members of the family were Lutherans and it is probable that Casper Jacobsen came from Hollenbek, in Holstein, about 20 miles south of Kiel.

² See note to preceding deed.

the grantor's making any further claim whatsoever thereto, acknowledging that he has received in payment and satisfaction therefor the half island of Jan Bruyn and fifteen beavers, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforesaid Jacob Casperse, his heirs, successors and assigns, to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land as he might do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all lawful claims, liens and demands, and further nevermore to do nor cause to be done anything contrary hereto in any manner, binding himself thereto as by law provided. Done in Albany, the 26th of June 1683.

JAN BRAT

Dirck Wesselsz

Jan Jansz Bleecker

In my presence,

RO^t. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Deed from Jacob Caspersen to Symon Volkertsen for his half interest in the land on the Normans kill

[183] Appeared before me Rob^t. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schaenhechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Jan Janse Bleeker, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Jacob Casparse, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Symon Volkertse¹ his interest in the land on the Noormanskil as he has owned and possessed the same, being half of all the lands lying on the Noormans kill, *alias* called Tawassouthaa, with house, barn and all that appertains thereto, excepting four morgens of good arable land which Jan Hendrix van Bael reserved to himself out of the whole at one end or the other as should be determined by lot, with the understanding that if said Van Bael made over the same to no one the buyers might fence, plant and cultivate the same and if Van Bael, the principal seller, wished to sell the same, the preference and refusal thereof should be given to them, according to contract of sale dated December 21, 1674; which land aforesaid he, the grantor, divided with Hendrick Willemse, deceased, in presence of Jan Albertse Bratt and Rob^t. Gardener and there fell to the grantor's share the upper land to be reckoned from the houses, beginning at the division of both lots and extending westwards between the hill and the kill; with the understanding that all the land not en-

¹ Symon Volkertsen Veeder.

tered upon the kill is still to be divided; which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Jan Albertse Bratt this day June 26, 1683, and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without the grantor's having any further claim in the least thereon, acknowledging that he received in payment and satisfaction therefor a parcel of land at Shinnectady and a half lot which they have exchanged with each other, therefore giving *plenam actionem cessam* and full power to the aforementioned Symon Volkertse, his heirs, successors or assigns to do with and dispose of the aforesaid land and the appurtenances thereof as he could do with his own patrimonial estate and effects, promising to warrant and defend the same against all persons from all trouble, claims and incumbrances according to law and further nevermore to do nor cause anything to be done contrary hereto in any manner, under binding obligation as by law provided.

Done in Albany, the 26th of June 1683.

Dirck Wesselsz

JACOB KASPERSE

Jan Jansz Bleecker

In my presence,

RO^t. LIVINGSTON, *Secretary*

Deed from Jacobus van den Bulke, attorney of Pieter van den Bulke, to Johannes Wendel and Jan Jansen Bleecker for a house and lot on Jonker street

[184] Appeared before me Rob^t. Livingston, secretary of Albany, colony of Renselaerswyk and Schinnechtady, in presence of the Honorable Mr Dirk Wessells and Mr Johannes Provoost, magistrates of the same jurisdiction, Mons. Jacobus van den Bulke, in the capacity of substitute for Johan van Twist, attorney for Mr Peter van den Bulke, trader at Leyden in Holland, who declared that he grants, conveys and makes over in true, rightful and free ownership to and for the behoof of Johannes Wendell and Mr Jan Janse Bleker a certain house and lot standing and lying here in Albany on Yonkheer street, between the houses of Matthys Pieterse Vroman and Joseph Yetts, to the south the Rutten kill and to the north Jonkheer street, with the addition of a little house which stands to the west of the large house, which he, the grantor, does by virtue of the conveyance received by him from Jan de Lavall, executor of his father Thomas de Lavall, dated the 9th of October 1682; and that free and unincumbered, without any charges thereon or issuing out of the same (saving the lord's right), without